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Response to the Order Remanding Appeal to Examiner, mailed 11/3/2008.

Method claims 4-8 were analyzed under 35 U.S.C 101. It is recognized that, in order to be statutory, a process claim must be 1) tied to a particular machine or apparatus, or 2) transform a particular article into a different state or thing. It is also recognized that a general purpose computer may be converted into a particular computer through the operation of software on the computer. In re Alappat, 31 USPQ2d 1545 (1994). For the instant invention, (Claim 4) '...the application presenting a PIN entry field in response to said request; a security manager: receiving a request for user authentication from the application; applying information to the application about the PIN code entering key-pressing operations by the user, wherein the entered PIN code is not supplied to the application; comparing an entered PIN code of the user with a registered PIN code;...' is inherently tied at least to a key-pressing device. For these reasons, the claimed process is considered as being tied to a particular machine, thus meeting the "tied to" test. The steps recited in the claimed process/method would not be reasonably broadly interpreted to encompass a human performing the steps - as the purpose of the claimed invention is not reasonably accomplished through a non-machine implementation.

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